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## latch

### pronunciation

**n.**

1. A fastening, as for a door or gate, typically consisting of a bar that fits into a notch or slot and is lifted from either side by a lever or string.

2. A spring lock, as for a door, that is opened from the outside by a key.

**v.** *latched*, *latching*, *latches*.

**v. tr.** To close or lock with or as if with a latch.

**v. intr.**

1. To have or be closed with a latch.

2. To shut tightly so that the latch is engaged: *a door too warped to latch*.

### Idiom

**latch on to** (or **onto**) To get hold of; obtain: *latched on to a fortune in the fur trade*.

[Middle English *latche*, from *lacchen*, to seize, from Old English *læccan*.]

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## longi·tu·di·nal

 pronunciation

adj.

LENGTH FROM LOWER SURFACE TO UPPER SURFACE

1.

a. Of or relating to longitude or length: *a longitudinal reckoning by the navigator; made longitudinal measurements of the hull.*

b. Concerned with the development of persons or groups over time: *a longitudinal study of twins.*

2. Placed or running lengthwise: *longitudinal stripes.*

- lon''gi·tu'di·nal·ly, adv..

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